

**MYSTERIOUS
BURNS HOME AFTER
OCCUPANTS FLEE**

**Woman, Frightened by
Stranger's Actions, Leaves
House, Which Soon After
Is Wrapped in Flames.**

A man, whose suspicious actions led Mrs. Benjamin H. Rebe to take her 10-month-old baby and Mrs. E. W. Bennett, a lodger, leave the Rebe home at 609 H street, Lawndale, is believed by the police to have set fire to the house, which burned to the ground shortly after the departure of its occupants early today.

Mrs. Rebe, whose husband is employed at night in a downtown bakery, told the police of a queer-looking man seen prowling about the house after Rebe went to work at 11 o'clock last night. The actions of the stranger annoyed her, and with her child and Mrs. Bennett she left the place shortly before midnight.

She had been gone barely 20 minutes when Horace Prohmer, a neighbor, who teaches school at Third and Mifflin streets and who was on his way home, told her the house was on fire. At the same time William Crispy, of Levek and H streets, saw smoke coming from the place and turned in an alarm.

Engine companies from Tacony, Bustleton, Frankford and Holmesburg responded but were unable to save the house, which is a 2 1/2-story frame structure.

Cowering with her child in the glare of her blazing home, Mrs. Rebe watched the house burn to the ground. Neighbors tried to comfort her, but the woman was hysterical with fear. She frequently said she was in terror of the strange man who she believed set fire to the place.

Friends, when they first saw smoke coming from the rear of the Rebe house, entered and were able to save some of the lighter pieces of furniture.

The house was owned by Mrs. Mary Felt, of Manayunk. Mrs. Rebe's mother-in-law was sent for and arrived home shortly after the destruction of his home. He said this was the second time within two years his house had been set on fire.

**REFUGEES THROUGH VIENNA
FLEEING "RUSSIAN HORROR"**

**Public Buildings Used for Wounded
From Galician Front.**

VIENNA, Oct. 2.—While every train to the north is carrying troops to strengthen the Galician front, every train returning is filled with wounded. Austrian and Galician refugees fleeing from what they call the "Russian horror."

The wounded are coming in such large numbers that some have had to be cared for in a section of the Parliament Building. All the churches and schools, which have been turned into temporary hospitals, were filled some time ago. The residence of Archduke Leopold Salvator, which stands next to the American Embassy, has been turned into a hospital.

The city has been unable to care for all the Galician refugees and thousands are being sent to towns south and west of Vienna.

TRIES SUICIDE IN CELL

**Prisoner Twice Attempt to Hang
Himself by Suspenders.**

Arthur Brown, of 214 Oakford street, twice attempted to commit suicide in a cell at the Twentieth and Federal streets police station, last night. He was saved both times by the vigilance of Turnkey Young and Patrolman Purinton. After the second attempt to end his life Brown was shackled and watched all night. This morning Magistrate Briggs sentenced him to serve three months in the county prison.

Brown was arrested yesterday, accused of disorderly conduct. Last night Turnkey Young heard a groan coming from the cell. He investigated and found Brown suspended by a strap to the upper bar of the cell. The prisoner repeated the operation four times by endeavoring to hang himself with a rope formed by his suspenders and necktie.

ITALIAN LINER ARRIVES

**Stampalia Brings But 54 Passengers,
War Hurts Business.**

Bringing 54 cabin and 12 steerage passengers from Naples, Genoa and Palermo via New York, the La Veloce Line steamship Stampalia docked this morning at the Municipal Pier, 15th street. Captain Laverio reported an uneventful voyage.

The few arrivals on board the Stampalia are evidence of what the war is doing to the immigrant business, as usually the liners from Italian ports come crowded.

COW AND ROPE CAUSE DEATH

**Animal, Becoming Frenzied, Bruises
Man's Hand and Tetanus Develops.**

A piece of rope and a frenzied cow caused the death of Albert B. Fox, 26 years old, of Lancaster, Pa., who died in the German hospital today.

Several days ago Fox was leading his cow to pasture and bruised his hand when the animal became frenzied and kicked the rope. He paid little attention to the wound, but blood poisoning set in and he died here on tetanus.

BRITISH RELEASE U. S. CARGOES

**Prize Court to Deliver Shipments
Consigned to This Port.**

Importers here were glad to learn today that the British Prize Court had decided to release the German steamship Scheerfede, which was captured while bound here from India with thousands of goat skins. The owners of the cargo feared it would not be released and the Prize Court for immediate action.

American cargoes captured in German ships are to be delivered as rapidly as possible. It is understood that each vessel will arrive in charge of a prize crew and after discharging the cargo will return to an English port to be sold as a prize of war.

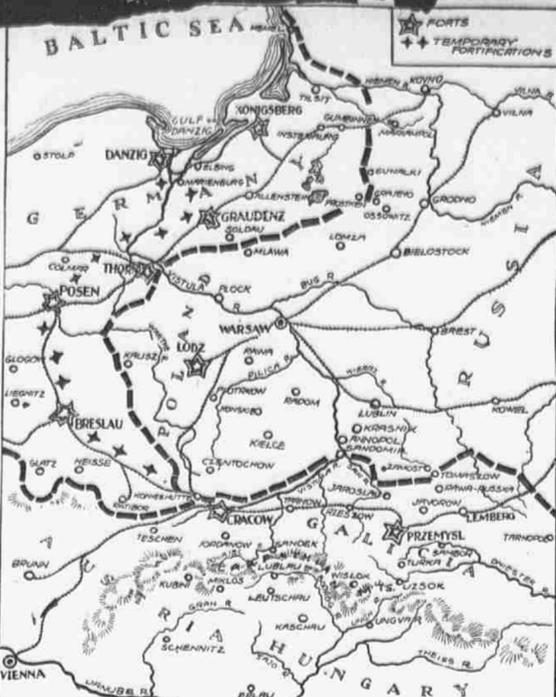
BIG MEAL CAUSES HIS ARREST

**Man Charged With Highway Robbery
May Had Ordered Elaborate Meal.**

David H. Ancona, 37 years old, home was held without bail by Magistrate Tracy at the Eleventh and Winter streets station, this morning, on the charge of highway robbery.

While returning to his home, last night, Ancona, 1325 North 13th street, declared that 13 persons knocked him down and took \$5 from his coat pocket.

An Ancona, residing at 1215 Spruce street, was arrested by Patrolman Purinton at the Eleventh and Winter streets station, on an elaborate meal.



On the Russian frontier the Germans are reported as having given up their offensive movement in Poland, the Russians having advantage in the fighting near Mariampol, having prevented the Germans from taking the fortress of Ossowiec. In Galicia the Russians are continuing their advance toward Cracow, though the Austrians claim that the invaders have been driven out of Hungary, and that the Hungarians have retaken the passes in the Carpathians.

**INTEREST MAKING SAFETY
CARNIVAL A BIG SUCCESS**

**Many Children, High School Students
and Teachers Visit Exhibit.**

The Carnival and Convention of Safety has met with great success as an educational factor because of the interest displayed on the part of many children, high school students and teachers, who have visited Convention Hall, Broad street and Allegheny avenue.

Special invitations were issued to all the district high schools yesterday at the suggestion of Dr. William Jacobs, Acting Superintendent of Schools, and students turned out in large numbers for both afternoon and evening sessions. The program this evening will be devoted especially to mothers, who will be admitted free. Lantern slides will show safety methods for use in case of accidents.

An exhibition of the work done in tented camps by the Camp Fire Girls of America will be one of the features this evening. Children from the Widener Home for Cripples and inmates of the Pennsylvania Institute for the Deaf and Dumb will attend the carnival this afternoon as guests of the Home and School League.

**FIGHT ON TROLLEY CAUSES
PANIC AMONG PASSENGERS**

**Police Arrest Ringleader of Band
Who Started Trouble.**

Fighting in a street car at 17th and Norris streets early today, when a crowd of roughs tried to prevent two policemen from creating one of their number, created a panic among the passengers during which several persons were cut by flying glass. Several of the band plunged through the windows in an effort to escape. Three men were arrested.

They are James O'Donnell, 320 North 24th street; James Judge, 170 Arlington street; and Le Roy Bush, 122 Arch street. At a hearing in the 24th and Berks streets police station, Magistrate Morris held O'Donnell in \$50 bail for court, and sent Judge to prison for ten days. Bush was discharged as it was testified he tried to act as peacemaker.

The fight started at 17th and Norris streets when O'Donnell and his friends were returning home from a party. The crowd was singing uproariously when Policeman Cook ordered them to stop. The singing continued, and the policeman after another warning sought to arrest O'Donnell, who seemed to be the ringleader, and who had defied Cook to enforce his order.

At this moment a car came along and the crowd ran for it. O'Donnell for the moment escaped from Cook's clutches. The policeman undaunted ran after his captive and plunged among the crowd which had boarded the street car, to take him.

A general fight started in which knives were drawn and Policeman Cook obliged to discharge his revolver to attract the attention of Policeman Thumm, a brother officer.

When Thumm appeared some of the crowd plunged through the windows and escaped. A panic ensued in the car. Women screamed and men struggled. Flying glass was everywhere. Several persons were cut.

PEACE ENVOY WILL SAIL

**Professor Battin Leaves Tomorrow
For Europe to Aid Abolishing War.**

Prof. Benjamin F. Battin, of Swarthmore College, will sail for Europe tomorrow, as the special envoy of the Christian Peace Union, with the mission of building up an organization designed to abolish war through the teaching and promulgation of Christianity.

Professor Battin's work will be conducted in accordance with plans decided upon at a meeting held last week at the summer home of Andrew Carnegie, at Lake Mohonk, New York. Allen Baker, M. P., chairman of the British Council for Promoting Friendly Relations Between Nations, attended the meeting.

Professor Battin will conduct his campaign by visiting prominent educators of Europe to try to interest them in the plan after which branch offices will be established in the capitals of Europe. Plans will be devised also whereby diplomatic correspondence will be conducted in such a manner as to permit the newspapers and the public to get an intimate insight into international relations.

**ITALIAN SWINDLER AGAIN
WORKS SMOOTH GAME**

**Fleeces Countryman Out of \$80 and
Escapes Capture.**

A swindling Italian who preys upon his ignorant countrymen caught his third victim at Broad Street Station this morning, and as a result the police have redoubled their efforts to capture the man. The name of the victim was withheld by the police and the Italian Consul, to whom he was sent for aid.

According to the story related to the police, the stranger is an Italian laborer from Western Pennsylvania. He was on his way back to Italy to join his wife and child following the receipt of a cablegram setting forth that the wife is dangerously ill. When he reached Broad Street Station today he had \$50 in cash.

A well-dressed countryman accosted him as he walked into the train shed, and described himself as an agent for an Italian Protective Society. The swindler declared that the stranger had come to America to be one of the features this evening. Children from the Widener Home for Cripples and inmates of the Pennsylvania Institute for the Deaf and Dumb will attend the carnival this afternoon as guests of the Home and School League.

He then produced a number of engraved papers covered with seals as credentials. His society, he said, ran a bank in which Italians could place their money until they needed it. The bank paid seven per cent in advance, he said.

Impressed by the suave manner of the swindler, the laborer gave up his \$50. The swindler then offered to show him to the Italian Consul, but as soon as the two got into the crowd outside Broad Street Station the man disappeared. The laborer became suspicious, notified a traffic policeman and was sent to the detective bureau.

The police say that this is the third case of this kind within a month. A sharp watch has been kept at Broad Street Station, but each time the thief has managed to elude the detectives. A description of the man has been obtained, however, and from now on the watch will be redoubled.

The victim of the swindling game was chiefly worried because he feared he would be unable to get back to Italy, but it is understood that the Italian Consul will send him to his native land.

**STUDY OF SPANISH ADDED
TO HIGH SCHOOL COURSE**

**Dr. Jacobs Announces Changes in
English and Other Studies.**

English studies in the elementary schools will be changed as a result of a conference held at the Normal School, at which Doctor William C. Jacobs, Acting Superintendent of Schools, presided. Doctor Jacobs announced today that he will appoint a committee to draft a new course in English.

The new course will pay more attention to the correct speaking and writing of English and less to the technical side of the study, according to Doctor Jacobs. Spanish courses will be added to the curriculum of several district high schools as a result of requests for such courses made by numerous pupils within the last few months.

George Wheeler, Associate Superintendent of Schools, expressed the opinion today that the demand for Spanish is due to the movement for increased trade with South America and also to the opening of the Panama Canal.

Students of stenography in the district high schools are especially anxious to learn Spanish. Within the last few days the requests have been numerous from both boys and girls.

**KAISER'S PERSONAL ORDER
BROUGHT VON HAUSEN HOME**

**"Shake-up" of Staff Due to "Bad
Strategy," Is Berlin Rumor.**

BERLIN, Oct. 2.—Constant and apparently well-founded reports prevail here that the Kaiser has shaken up his General Staff and replaced at least one general at the front, because of the bad strategy and worse tactics which have compelled the Germans to fight again to recover French territory which they once held, especially around Rheims.

General von Hausen, formerly Minister of War in Saxony, is the general mentioned as having been deposed and replaced by the Kaiser's personal orders. He commanded Army No. 3, also known as the Army of Saxony. He has been succeeded by General von Einem, formerly War Minister in Prussia.

While it has been generally known that Von Hausen had been replaced, it was said that his withdrawal was the cause. But Berlin has now heard that it was the Kaiser's dissatisfaction with this general's operations in the field that caused the "illness of convenience," which resulted in his withdrawal from the front and the appointment of Von Einem to succeed him.

The last three weeks that Germany has had in France, after her earlier successes, have created a feeling of doubt in the capital, but just as this feeling was beginning to shake the confidence of the country in the final outcome the news of the withdrawal of the submarine U-9, under Captain Weddigen, in sinking the Aboukir, Hogue and Cressy, came to restore a measure of confidence and dispartate the gathering doubts.

**UNITED STATES TROOPS
TO STAY IN MEXICO**

**Evacuation of Vera Cruz Indefinitely
Postponed.**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—The evacuation of Vera Cruz, originally scheduled for October 1, today was delayed until October 11 at the earliest, and it is probable that the American troops will not leave the Mexican port for some time after that date, on account of the uncertainty of the situation in the interior.

Following the receipt of dispatches indicating that the Villa revolt is gaining ground in the north of Mexico, Counselor Lansing, in a "very" prohibition, requested Major General Wetherpool, chief of staff, not to move the troops for some time. Instructions accordingly were sent to General Funston not to commence preparations for departure until after October 11.

War Department officials today admitted that the actual date of the evacuation of Vera Cruz is "very" problematical. It depends not only on the result of the various revolutions now in progress, but on the outcome of the peace conferences scheduled for next week, and on the willingness of the leaders in Mexico to accept the Carranza government at the port of Vera Cruz.

The official explanation for the delay in the evacuation is that "the details of the shift of the Civil Government cannot be successfully worked out in a short time."

**FATHER BELIEVES MISSING
BOY WAS KIDNAPPED**

**George Barnes and Money of His
Employer Strangely Disappeared.**

Kidnapped and whirled away in an automobile is what happened to George Barnes, 16 years old, 12 North 57th street, according to his parents. He mysteriously vanished last Thursday while on his way to deposit money belonging to his employers.

The boy was employed as a clerk by Charles Pommerant, delicatessen dealer, 523 and Walnut streets. During the past two months he had been sent daily to the West Philadelphia Bank, 531 and Market streets, to make deposits. He had \$100 in cash and several checks when he disappeared.

Wearing a white coat and apron, the boy left the store last Thursday morning. He had received instructions from his employer to return at once after making the deposit. When the boy did not return his employers made inquiries at the bank. They were informed by the receiving teller that he had not been there.

In the alarm which the boy he is described as about 5 feet 5 inches tall, weighing about 125 pounds, freckled face and dark eyes.

"My boy was honest and was well pleased with his position," said Mr. Barnes. "I feel sure that he was put into an automobile and taken away by men who wanted to get his money."

**AUTO MANUFACTURERS
EXPECT IMMENSE BOOM**

**Prediction Made That Output Will
Quadruple When War Is Over.**

DETROIT, Oct. 2.—Conservative estimates of the increase in export business anticipated by manufacturers of medium-priced automobiles when the European war is brought to an end read like the wildest kind of optimism, remarks H. M. Jewett, president of the Paige-Detroit.

Mr. Jewett believes American producers have underestimated rather than overestimated the actual demand for cars in the old country as a result of the war. The Paige-Detroit plant anticipates and is equipping to handle an immediate increase of 40 per cent in its exports as soon as peace is established.

Yale University's Funds Increase

NEW HAVEN, Oct. 2.—The annual report of George Parmy Day, treasurer of Yale University, shows total gifts and bequests for the year ending June 30 of \$1,012,848.73, as compared with \$1,141,833.84 for the previous year. The net increase in funds is \$550,215.74, against \$1,044,888.07 for last year. Considered as a teaching organization, the university closed the year with a deficit of \$776,400. Total investments amount to \$14,224,258.58.

**WORKMEN TRAPPED AS
FLAMES SWEEP FACTORY**

**Attempt to Save Clothing Nearly
Proves Fatal.**

Fourteen men were nearly suffocated today when they rushed back into the burning hair-mattress establishment of Nathan Wagman, 1715-17 South Eighth street, to obtain clothing left in the upper stories. They had barely reached the second floor when choking clouds of smoke from burning hair enveloped them.

Firemen realizing the plight of the men dashed into the building and brought the unfortunate workmen to the street.

The fire started in the stock room of the factory, where quantities of hair used for stuffing mattresses is stored. Two men were in the room at the time. They were Joseph Chapman and Oscar Wagman, son of the proprietor of the place. It is thought spontaneous combustion is responsible for the fire, as smoking is not permitted.

Chapman and Wagman dashed from the room and, going up to the second and third stories, warned the other employees. These ran to the street.

Because at first there did not seem to be much fire in the building, the men who had come out minus their coats and hats, with one accord, dashed back into the building to recover them.

Just as they reached the second floor choking clouds of smoke rolled up the stairway from the burning hair room. The men were trapped. Firemen heard

**CRACK THE WHIP GAME
PROVES FATAL**

**William Quick Crashes Into
While Roller Skating.**

Skating in the street is resented by the death of William Quick, 18 year old, 237 Turner street, who crashed motorcar at 8th and Oxford while playing a game of "crack the whip." He died in the North General Hospital.

Howard C. Pearce, who was driving automobile into which Quick was plunged, was held without bail this morning by Magistrate Morris to await the coroner. Witnesses say he is to blame.

Quick, with other lads, was last night on 24th street. He was boy in the "crack the whip" game lad was going at a terrific pace when the motorcar approached. He was able to stop, and Pearce had no time to avoid the onrushing boy. The lad plunged into the mud guard of the automobile and fell to the ground. He had a deep cut in his side and was injured internally.

At the hearing in the 24th and Oxford streets police station Magistrate Morris took occasion to speak of the danger of young people skating in the street. He said the Department of Public Safety should take means to prevent a reckless pastime.

THIRTEEN DOCTORS APPLY

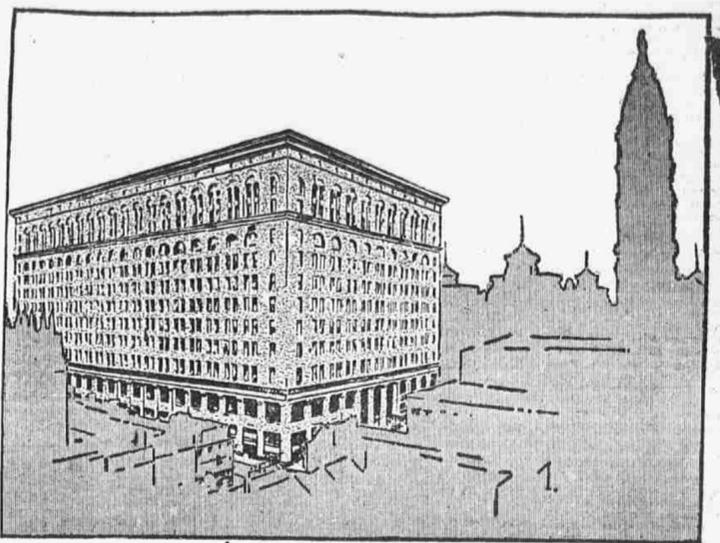
**Brisk Competition for Post of Resident
at General Hospital.**

Thirteen physicians took the civil service examination today for the \$4000 position of chief resident physician at the Philadelphia General Hospital. Dr. Joseph S. Doane, formerly superintendent of the Miners' Hospital, at Shamokin, who has been serving provisionally as superintendent, was included among the applicants for the permanent position.

The rule that applicants for city positions must be residents of Philadelphia was waived for this examination.

Following the death of Dr. Henry Sykes, former chief resident physician of the Philadelphia General Hospital, Dr. William H. Walsh, former superintendent of the Municipal Hospital for Contagious Diseases, performed the duties at the General Hospital for several months.

Store Opens 8.30 A. M. **WANAMAKER'S** Store Closes 5.30 P. M.



The Grand Organ Plays Tomorrow at 9, 11 and 5:15

One Man and His Rugs

A certain man has a very fine conceit in his collection of Oriental Rugs. Indeed, he had a new house built and specially made fireproof to the end that what he regards as his treasures may be secure.

When he was in this Oriental Rug Store a few days ago, he told us that he had rugs displayed in his home as we have them in this store so that he might fully enjoy them.

And he said that rugs were a very great part of all that made his life worth while, and that sometimes when he returns home and goes amongst his fine pieces and looks into the magic deeps of their incomparable colorings, the delight which he feels becomes ecstatic, almost intoxicating.

It was good to hear a man of that kind say that he knew of no collection of rugs on sale to compare with that which we have now in this store. He was moved to say this largely by the assortment of rare and unduplicatable pieces which we have been unbaling for some days past, and which will be one of the unique features of the

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